

Contract provides support for Starfire Optical Range

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KIRTLAND AFB, N.M. — A \$32.4 million contract to provide equipment and technical support to the Air Force Research Laboratory's Directed Energy Directorate's Starfire Optical Range was announced in November.

The five-year Starfire Optical Range Experiment and Technical Support contract was awarded to Boeing Company's Rocketdyne Technical Services Albuquerque office.

Boeing will provide engineering and technical support for a number of experiments conducted at the range. The contractor

will also provide operation and maintenance support for the experiments as well as for equipment and facilities.

The primary mission of the range is to develop optical sensing, imaging and propagation technologies supporting Air Force aerospace missions. Primary experiments at the range consist of using adaptive optics to perform real-time compensation of atmospheric induced aberrations. Pioneering research in adaptive optics was conducted at Starfire Optical Range. @